



Public Law 90-299  
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May 3, 1968

# An Act

82 STAT. 112

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 with respect to obscene or harassing telephone calls in interstate or foreign commerce.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That title II of the Communications Act of 1934 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:*

Obscene or  
harassing tele-  
phone calls,  
prohibition.  
48 Stat. 1070.  
47 USC 201-222.

"OBSCENE OR HARASSING TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OR IN INTERSTATE OR FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS

"SEC. 223. Whoever—

"(1) in the District of Columbia or in interstate or foreign communication by means of telephone—

"(A) makes any comment, request, suggestion or proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or indecent;

"(B) makes a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues, without disclosing his identity and with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass any person at the called number;

"(C) makes or causes the telephone of another repeatedly or continuously to ring, with intent to harass any person at the called number; or

"(D) makes repeated telephone calls, during which conversation ensues, solely to harass any person at the called number; or

"(2) knowingly permits any telephone under his control to be used for any purpose prohibited by this section, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both." Penalty.

Sec. 2. Section 3(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153(e)) is amended by inserting "(other than section 223 thereof)" immediately after "title II of this Act". 68 Stat. 64.

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## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 1109 (Comm. on Interstate & Foreign Commerce).

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CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

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